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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/687,456	Applicant(s) BENCO ET AL.	
	Examiner NICHOLAS TAYLOR	Art Unit 2141	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8,11,12,14,15 and 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8,11,12,14,15 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on March 27th, 2008, has been entered.

2. Claims 1, 3-8, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 18-20 have been presented for examination and are rejected.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1, 8, and 15 are objected to because of the following informalities:
the placement of "and" prior to the final semicolon.
Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1, 8, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, the final line of each claim refers to configuration data that is updated "via user interfaces." From the context of the claim, it is unclear what user interface the language refers to. For the purpose of this office action, it is assumed that the limitation refers to the user interface of the previously introduced mobile station.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed on March 27th, 2008, with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

8. Claims 1, 3-8, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Luzzatti et al. (U.S. PGPub 2003/0046433).

9. As per claims 1, 8, and 15, Luzzatti teaches a method for providing network support for reconfiguration of mobile configuration data for a mobile station, comprising the steps of:

storing mobile configuration data for a mobile station in a mobile subscriber database in the mobile station; (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0006-0009 mobile station overview and contents)

storing the mobile configuration data in a network subscriber database in the network; (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0022 and fig. 1 architecture)

changing, directly via the mobile station, the mobile configuration data in the network subscriber database; and (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0022-0027, e.g., where the a contact configuration is changed at the network subscriber database)

automatically synchronizing, in response to the changing of the mobile configuration data in the network subscriber database, the mobile configuration data in the mobile subscriber database with the mobile configuration data in the network subscriber database of the mobile station, such that the changed mobile configuration data is first updated in the network subscriber database and then downloaded to the mobile station where the changes are applied to the mobile configuration data in the mobile subscriber database of the mobile station; (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0023-0030 and fig. 3 synchronization process)

wherein the mobile configuration data in the network subscriber database is a master copy; (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0022 and fig. 1 architecture)

wherein new mobile configuration data is updated in the network subscriber database and then downloaded to the mobile station if the configuration data was updated via user interfaces (Luzzatti, see, e.g., paragraphs 0023-0030 and fig. 3 synchronization process).

10. As per claims 3 and 18, Luzzatti teaches the system further wherein the synchronizing of the mobile configuration data in the mobile subscriber database with the mobile configuration data in the network subscriber database of the mobile station is performed automatically upon occurrence of the changing of the mobile configuration data in the network subscriber database (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0022-0030, e.g., where the a contact configuration is changed at the network subscriber database).

11. As per claims 4, 11, and 19, Luzzatti teaches the system further wherein the synchronizing of the mobile configuration data in the mobile subscriber database with the mobile configuration data in the network subscriber database of the mobile station is performed upon sending a sync request from the mobile station to the network (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0037-0043).

12. As per claims 5, 12, and 20, Luzzatti teaches the system further wherein the network has a networked-based feature that provides at least one of periodic uploads of the mobile configuration data from the mobile station to the network and periodic downloads of the mobile configuration data from the network to the mobile station, and

wherein the synchronizing of the mobile configuration data in the mobile subscriber database with the mobile configuration data in the network subscriber database of the mobile station is performed automatically upon occurrence of uploading and/or downloading of the mobile configuration data (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0045-0048 and fig. 6).

13. As per claim 6, Luzzatti teaches the system further wherein the mobile configuration data in the network subscriber database is a master copy (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0022 and fig. 1 architecture).

14. As per claims 7 and 14, Luzzatti teaches the system further wherein the network is the focus of storage of the mobile configuration data and synchronization events with the mobile station (Luzzatti, paragraphs 0037-0043).

Conclusion

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas Taylor whose telephone number is (571) 272-3889. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 5:30pm, with alternating Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571) 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Art Unit: 2145

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